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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - July 1951

DATE: 7 August 1951

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2. Permission has been requested to start a new, unclassified publication, Reference Aids, which would make available to both IAC and non-IAC users FDD-compiled reference materials of a type not normally available in regular reference sources.

3. A special, experimental project on the psychological value world news headlines was completed at the request of State Department.

4. Chief, FDD, called a meeting of IAC representatives to discuss procurement of publications in the event of hostilities. Each agency was asked to prepare a priority list of titles which they would want FDD to exploit centrally, with the aim of formulating a coordinated priority list for the guidance of emergency field collection.

5. Projects of more than routine interest which are in process include a study, undertaken at the instigation of ORR, to determine Germany's problems in its exploitation of Western Europe, and a project, requested by State, to determine the methods and media used by the Communists to indoctrinate Chinese youth.

6. Noteworthy publications disseminated:

a. Summary No. 47: "Agriculture in the Eastern USSR and the Soviet Far North."

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b. [ ] Reports that Chervenkov is expected to be purged.

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d. [ ] Gives reports of Bulgarian refugees on uranium mine near Sofia and internal unrest in Bulgaria.

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e. [ ] Reviews Chinese Communist support of revolutionary activities in Southeast Asia.

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f. [ ] Surveys Soviet criminal court cases, 1949-1950, and compares sentences with those of certain US courts.

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g. [ ] Reveals background data on the assassination of Riyadh as-Sulh.

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h. [ ] reports claiming that Lin Piao Commands Far East International Army.

7. Among the publications procured from special sources, the following items are of interest: (a) 130 USSR periodicals from Army, many of which were not normally available to FDD; (b) 23 USSR publications (17 from State and six from Navy) not available on regular subscriptions, of which five newspapers and one periodical were obtained for the first time; (c) four 1951 issues of the USSR periodical Denji i Kredit, not normally available to FDD, uncovered among the 200 Soviet periodicals screened at the Library of Congress; and (d) additional [ ] clandestine publications.

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8. Final arrangements were made for [ ] FDD intelligence officer-linguist loaned to [ ] to act as a procurement agent for FDD.

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9. Arrangements have been made for FDD to examine captured documents returned to the Zone of the Interior by FECOM.

10. A memorandum outlining the common service activities of FDD, and recommending that a NSCID be worked out with the IAC agencies, was submitted to the Assistant Directors and the Director for their decision.

11. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations  
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions

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